



Human Rights Commission - Agenda

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: 27 Maple Street, HHS Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Conducted by Hybrid (Remote and In-Person)

1. Attend in person in the 2nd Floor HHS Conference Room at the Community Center (Senior Center), 20 Academy Street/27 Maple Street. Registration not required for in-person attendance.

2. ***Notice to the Public on meeting privacy*** To prevent abuse of video conferencing technology (i.e., Zoom Bombing), all participants, including members of the public, wishing to engage via the Zoom App must register for each meeting and will notice multi-step authentication protocols. Please allow additional time to join the meeting. Further, members of the public who wish to participate without providing their names may still do so by registering to receive the meeting info and using the dial-in telephone information provided.

When: May 16, 2024 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/join/tZEud-6qrDkjG9Aq65ovBoYXTbl44slGRkIC>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill that extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body being physically present at a meeting location and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2023, to March 31, 2025.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures>

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1. Remote Meeting Notice and Land Acknowledgement
2. Introduction of New Commissioner Hira Ambreen
3. Review of April 10, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes
4. Review of April 24, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

5. Community Input (up to 2 minutes per speaker)
6. DEI Updates
 - a. Budget Update
 - b. Open Meeting Law Training Update
7. Co-Chairs Report
 - a. APD Meeting with Chief Flaherty
 - b. Status of Arlington Civilian Police Advisory Commission
 - c. Meeting with DEI Co-Chairs
 - d. Tragic Human Rights Events Response Policy Posted on Website
 - e. Plans to Review Bylaws Regarding Statements
 - f. Update on Hingham Statement
 - g. Co-Chair Term Ending in June
8. Incidents & Complaints
 - a. Commissioner Updates
 - b. APD Updates
 - c. Incident Handling
 - April: Commissioner Griffin Jones
 - May: Commissioner Kevin Bryant
 - June: Commissioner Christine Carney
9. Working Group Updates
 - a. Schools & Education
 - b. Outreach / Events
 - Next Coffee Chat: Rajeev & Kevin
 - c. Communications
 - d. Training (Commissioners Scott Jones and Griffin Jones)
 - Conflict Resolution Training Opportunity
10. Creation of Religious Tolerance Working Group
 - a. Mandate / Commitment
 - b. Group Leads
 - c. Plans / Roadmap
 - d. Community Involvement
11. MAHRC Update (Commissioner Soneja)
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment

Next meeting: (Moved to Thursday to accommodate Town Meeting) Thursday, June 20, 2024, 8:00 PM

Anyone needing accessibility information or assistance to attend this meeting should contact Tim Ross at tross@town.arlington.ma.us. This meeting is open to all interested individuals.